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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Putnam et al.

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For: SAMPLE ARRAYS AND HIGH-
THROUGHPUT TESTING
THEREOF TO DETECT
INTERACTIONS



Group Art Unit: 1627

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the enclosed preliminary amendment directed to amending claims under examination to corresponding claims in a patent application presently directed to jurisdictions other than the United States into the record. Applicants submit this preliminary amendment with an Exhibit A which set forth the detailed amendments submitted herein and an Exhibit B which set forth the claims remaining following entry of this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

30. (Amended) A method for testing or optimizing one or more properties of a formulation of an active-component, comprising:

- (a) preparing an array of samples, each sample comprising the active component and at least one additional formulation component, wherein each sample differs from any other sample with respect to at least one of:
- (i) the identity of the additional component,
 - (ii) the ratio of the active component to the additional component, or
 - (iii) the physical state of the active component;